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Re: Docket No. M-2017-2631527

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Commonwealth Keystone Building
2nd Floor, Room N201

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this letter as our official comment on Docket Number M-2017-2631527, which seeks to implement geographical limitations on solar photovoltaic systems established by Act 40 of 2017.

The Commission's proposed interpretation under the Tentative Implementation Order published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on January 6, 2018, would "grandfather" systems that are certified in Pennsylvania, rather than physically located in this state. We must respectfully disagree with this interpretation, which we find counter to the intentions of the General Assembly and especially of our colleagues who supported and voted in favor of this legislation.

Instead, the joint statement submitted by Chairperson Gladys M. Brown and Vice Chairperson Andrew G. Place better reflects our intentions in approving this legislation. Please know that legislation to "close our solar borders" for the purposes of satisfying the Alternative Energy Standards Portfolio Act has been considered in recent sessions and discussions have been exclusive to the physical locations of systems. While we certainly recognize the potential need to address and honor existing contracts, the long-term and primary goals set forth by this legislation have been clear. Specifically, we seek to join our neighboring states that similarly have "closed solar borders" and to advance our commitment to promoting economic and job growth within Pennsylvania's solar energy industry.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and we hope that you will find these comments helpful in your final decision.

Sincerely,

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